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## NATIONAL REPORT

### Riots Commission Report Said To Be 'Hot'

A staff phase-out—announced two weeks before Christmas—jarred the President's Commission on Civil Disorders in the Nation's capital and loosened a barrage of rumors that a forthcoming report on America's race relations would be diluted. Originally hired for a year after taking oaths to "live quietly and keep away from the press," staffers unexpectedly heard Director David Ginsburg announce that many would be dropped at the end of December and the remainder dismissed during a period before publication of the report about March 1. Ginsburg said much of the investigative and compilative work is finished and there was no need for a large staff, especially since most of the \$1 million appropriation had been spent. Arguing against rumors of a weak-kneed approach to America's racial violence, commission member Roy Wilkins of the NAACP told intimates

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that the final report would strike hard against racism in every segment of American life and call for drastic, imaginative changes. A staffer told JET that "the report will be so hot that commission members want us whites to have time to cool off before the November elections." The report, it is said, will include criticism of the press for building "Negro militants and agitators" to the exclusion of gains of a vast middle-class population.

### **JET Publisher Named To Post Office Board**

President Johnson named EBONY-JET publisher John H. Johnson to the Post Office Dept. Advisory Board as its only Negro member. The publisher replaced Afro-American editor Carl Murphy, who died, on the seven-man board that advises Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien on the operation of the postal system.

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■ **Cardinal Honored:** At a \$100-a-plate dinner in his honor, in Chicago John Cardinal Cody (2d, l), Chicago Catholic Archdiocese, chats with (l-r) Mayor Richard J. Daley, Dr. T. K. Lawless and Sherman Abrams, president of Little City, Ill., where the funds will be used to establish a training center for the blind, mentally handicapped.





## **Negro Wins Akron Judgeship; Term Ends In 1971**

Undaunted by the odds, 51-year-old Joseph D. Roulhac took the backing of the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal a top rating (93.97 percent to his opponent's, mere 59.75) by the Akron Bar Assn. and handily whipped his labor-backed white opponent James Barbuto, by a vote of 45,185 to 40,408 for a Municipal Court judgeship. Roulhac, a native of Selma, Ala., is the first Negro in the history of the city or of Summit County to be elected a judge. He was appointed to the post in May by Gov. James A. Rhodes. His term ends Dec. 31, 1971. Akron, a city of 350,000 population (just 35 miles from Cleveland) has only 35,000 Negroes.



*Roulhac*

## **Elect First Negro To Council Since Reconstruction**

In Charleston, S. C., the first Negro has been elected to the City Council since Reconstruction. St. Julian Devine, owner and operator of Devine Transfer Co., a moving and hauling company, was elected without opposition to one of 16 aldermanic seats.

## **Two Cities Reveal Truth About Open Housing**

White people in Wheaton, Ill., near the site of a federally subsidized \$375 million atom smasher, are discovering that the heavens truly won't fall if a Negro moves next door. Concerned that federal officials would reject plans to build the atom smasher because of Wheaton's discriminatory housing practices, officials passed an open-occupancy ordinance last summer and found instead of anticipated property devaluation, that property values have gone up at the same rate that all Wheaton property has risen. In outlying Dupage County, where no open-occupancy has passed, industry officials are reporting that housing bias is holding back their operations since Negroes cannot accept jobs because they can't find housing near to their places of employment.



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## Only Radical Change Can Avert Guerrilla War: Judge

Negroes are losing patience and only a radical change in conditions will prevent the outbreak of revolution by guerrilla warfare, according to U. S. Circuit Court Judge Wade H. McCree Jr. of Detroit. Speaking before the 39th anniversary meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Philadelphia, Judge McCree predicted the revolution would fail but in so doing would destroy the nation. Judge McCree said that 20 million Negroes could not force 180 million whites to accord them full citizenship, but they could "make the country almost uninhabitable for a generation or more for the rest of the population and can create such chaos that the form of government which will ultimately emerge will bear scant resemblance to the one we venerate today."

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■ **Carmichael Returns:** Cheering crowd at New York airport greets militant black power leader Stokely Carmichael with "Mau, Mau, Mau, Mau!" upon his return from five-month tour abroad including Africa, Vietnam, Sweden, France and Cuba. His passport was lifted by U. S. officials.





*Young*



*King*



*Lafayette*



*Rutherford*

## **SCLC Reorganizes; King Names Key Persons**

In Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. announced a sweeping reorganization of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The SCLC president revealed the creation of a new executive position, the appointment of two new key executives, and the expansion of SCLC's field and administrative staff. Rev. Andrew J. Young, 35, executive director since 1964, was named executive vice president. As executive vice president, he will serve as chief administrative adviser and supervise policy-planning and implementation. William A. Rutherford was appointed executive director. An able administrator and manager, Rutherford, 43, is a former businessman and journalist. A native of Chicago's South Side, Rutherford, since 1958, has been managing director of Rutherford Associates, an international management consulting agency he helped found in Zurich, Switzerland. As executive director of SCLC, Rutherford will be chief administrative officer, charged fully with the over-all organization and administration of SCLC activities. Rev. Bernard Lafayette Jr. was named program administrator. Rev. Lafayette, 27, is nationally known as an original member of the historic Nashville student movement, forerunner of the massive sit-ins, as a Freedom Rider and as a founder of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). As SCLC program administrator, Rev. Lafayette will be responsible for the conduct and supervision of all SCLC programs. His first assignment is to co-ordinate the forthcoming poor people's campaign in Washington, D. C.



## WORLD PAYS TRIBUTE TO U. S.

Tuesday was a dark, dreary day in Chicago. The clouds hung low as the world paid final tribute to Maj. Robert Henry Lawrence Jr., the nation's first Negro astronaut, in three quiet, dignified ceremonies. "He left us hope, a cause for optimism, a means by which man can inhabit Earth joyously," the Rev. Ben Richardson said in his eulogy of the 31-year-old astronaut during military rites at First Unitarian Church, just off the campus of the University of Chicago.

Born and reared in Chicago, Major Lawrence was killed in a crash of an F-104 Starfighter at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. "For a little while he made our world more fair," Rev. Richardson told the bereaved family and some 500 mourners. He eulogized Maj. Lawrence as a "young man who, by his living and death, affords this earth distinction and inspiration." Rev. Richardson of Deerfield, Ill., once pastored the South Side Unitarian Church attended by Maj. Lawrence and his wife, Barbara, when they lived in Chicago.



*Maj. Lawrence (2d, r) study MOL design with fellow astronauts Abrahamson (l), Herres and Peterson (r).*



## NEGRO ASTRONAUT IN CHICAGO



*After quiet, military rites, Air Force Honor Guards take flag-draped coffin from church en route to cemetery.*



*The widow is assisted into funeral car by Lt. Col. Herres, her official escort and one of eight astronauts.*

## **Pres. Johnson Wires Widow, Chicago Passes Resolution**

Lt. Col. Robert T. Herres, 34, one of the three Air Force officers who were selected for the Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory along with Maj. Lawrence, was the widow's official escort. He sat with her in the church and in a gesture of comfort held her hand tightly and patted her back as she quietly wept. To Mrs. Lawrence's right were her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Cress; the astronaut's mother, Mrs. Gwendolyn Duncan and her official escort Maj. Donald H. Peterson, Maj. Lawrence's sister, Barbara, was seated next to his son, Tracey, 8, and near the astronaut's father, Robert Lawrence Sr.

Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley made a personal visit to express his condolences to the widow and the astronaut's parents. A resolution expressing the city's grief over Maj. Lawrence's death was later submitted to the council by Daley and adopted by a standing vote. Flags were flown at half mast Monday and Tuesday atop all city-owned buildings. In addition to the eight astronauts attending the funeral, the Air Force was officially represented by Maj. Gen. Joseph S. Bleymaier, deputy director of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory program in Los Angeles, and Maj. Gen. James T. Stewart, vice director of the program in Washington. President Johnson wired the widow and mother his condolence. The astronaut's mother, Mrs. Duncan, said her son had visited her in Chicago a week ago on the day of his funeral. The family requested that memorial contributions be sent to Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., where a scholarship fund is being established for Negro students studying chemistry. Maj. Lawrence earned his B.S. degree in chemistry at Bradley.

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## **D. C. Judge Designate Dies Of Heart Attack**

Due to be sworn in a week later as an associate judge of the D. C. Court of General Sessions, 54-year-old government lawyer Arthur Christopher Jr. suffered a fatal heart attack at his home. Instead of attending a jubilant swearing-in ceremonies grief-stricken friends jammed a Howard University chapel for the last rites.

## Negro Is Minority Leader In Jersey Assembly

S. Howard Woodson was chosen minority leader of the New Jersey Assembly, the highest legislative post ever held by a Negro in New Jersey. Woodson of Mercer County was selected by fellow Democrats at a closed meeting. It was announced that the selection of Woodson and Assemblyman Joseph J. Higgins of Union County, picked as assistant minority leader, was unanimous.

## Trying To Infiltrate NAACP Hardest For Reds

Negro organizations are almost impregnable to Communist infiltration, according to a former FBI informant who pretended to be a member of the Communist Party in the Stockton, Calif., area between 1948-1962. Testimony given by Howard O. Thompson and his wife, also a former FBI informant, before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1964 and 1966 revealed: "One of the hardest things they ever had in this state was trying to infiltrate the NAACP."

## Yesterday In Negro History

*Dec. 28, 1810*—Thomy Lafon, first Negro philanthropist, was born free of a mulatto mother in New Orleans. Lafon accumulated several hundred thousand dollars in Louisiana real estate which he distributed among charitable and educational institutions during his lifetime, irrespective of race.

*Dec. 28, 1852*—T. McCants Stewart, author, diplomat and lawyer, was born in Charleston, S. C., of free parents. Stewart, the first Negro to serve on the Brooklyn, N. Y., school board, was once an associate justice of the Liberian Supreme Court.

*Dec. 28, 1949*—Ivy Anderson, singer with Duke Ellington's Band for 13 years, died in Los Angeles at age 45.



*T. M. Stewart*





## TICKER

Merry Christmas, dear souls, and a wish that the news-makers gain these special Yuletide presents: former Harlem Rep. **Adam Clayton Powell**—his House seat; **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**—tents and C-rations for his spring camp-in; **Mrs. Zephyr Wright**, **President Johnson's** cook—a best-selling cookbook; Democratic Vice Chairman **Louis Martin**—a Caribbean vacation—**Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes**—a Model City program; **Rep. John Conyers**—a honeymoon (with the young Democrats and a bride); **Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher**—a Democratic love-in; **California Rep. Augustus Hawkins**—a Watts cadet at a military academy; restaurateur **Billy Simpson**—a full ebony table.

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**More Gifts:** **Mayor Walter Washington** of Dee Cee—a smoking jacket (to relax); the NAACP's **Clarence Mitchell**—a GOP handbook; **Rep. Robert N. C. Nix**—a post-mastership for a brother in his hometown; Supreme Court **Justice Thurgood Marshall**—a handbook of his record for ghetto critics; **Detroit Rep. Charles C. Diggs**—Detroit's mayor slot; Federal Reserve Commissioner

**Andrew Brimmer**—a Spingarn Medal; HUD Secretary **Robert C. Weaver**—more new homes for the brother. **Santa's Bag:** **Daphne Coleman Brown**, **Sen. Jacob Javits'** patronage chief—an orchid for helping so many job applicants; **GOP'er Clarence Townes**—a black book to list critics (if the GOP wins next year); NAACP's **Roy Wilkins**—a favorable report of the Civil Disorders Commission; **OEO's Theodore**



*Powell*

# TAPE U.S.A.

**Berry**—funds for Negro self-help projects; Manhattan Borough President **Percy Sutton**—an elective state position; Louisiana Father **Albert J. McKnight**—a bumper co-op year; California State Rep. **Mervyn Dymally**—a rooting, tooting young wing at the convention.

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**Unforgettable:** Guyana envoy **Sir John Carter**—a most popular ambassador title; Texas State Sen. **Barbara Jordan**—a speaking tour; Urban Leaguer **Whitney Young**—a workable Vietnam veteran employment program; Chicago Rep. **William L. Dawson**—a protégé; **Stokely Carmichael**—a passport; deputy protocol chief **Chester Carter**—an ambassadorship in Europe.

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**A Bag Full:** CORE's **Floyd McKissick**—a black power manifesto; Massachusetts Sen. **Edward Brooke**—a vice presidency; anti-bias crusader **Clifford Alexander**—public hearings in big cities besides New York City; Vice Presidential aide **Ofield Dukes**—a most valuable assistant award; and to soul brothers in Newark, N. J.—a formidable political organization strong enough to elect a mayor.

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**Delux Packets:** **Charles Evers**, Mississippi NAACP—a congressional seat; **Cernoria Johnson**, D. C. Urban League—a think factory on public affairs; **Lemuel Wells**, Boston mayor aide—a political career of his own; **Cecil Moore**, NAACP in Philadelphia—a trip to Israel; **C. Sumner Stone**, ex-Rep. Powell assistant—a job. —SIMEON BOOKER



*King*

## **Orders Jersey Realtor To Rent To Negro**

In Trenton, N. J., the state civil rights division ordered a Runnemede apartment firm to rent an apartment to a Negro man even if it must use its model apartment for this purpose. The requirement of the Concord Co., owner of Hartford Arms in Runnemede, was contained in a second order issued by Division Director George S. Pfaus on behalf of Charles P. Jackson. An order issued last Nov. 21 required Joseph Samoset and June Adams, principals in the firm, to stop all discriminatory activities and enter into a two-year lease with Jackson. Pfaus said the second order became necessary when the firm said there were no vacant apartments at the Hartford Arms. Pfaus said the firm could also purchase an unexpired lease from another tenant.

## **Sengstacke Business Confab Attracts Tops In Field**

In the Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C., John Sengstacke of Sengstacke Publications convened the first annual symposium on the Negro in Business with 150 delegates representing commerce and industry throughout the United States. Using the theme "Economic Development—A Thrust For Identity" George Harris, president of Chicago's Mutual Assurance Co., gave the keynote address and at the closing banquet where 21 members were inducted into the "Round Table" of business, Herbert V. Procknow, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, gave the closing address.

## **Labor Should Invest 1 Billion in Housing: Weaver**

Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development urged organized labor to put \$1 billion of its pension funds into slum housing as the life insurance industry has already done. Speaking before the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Dept. in Miami Beach, Fla., Weaver said, "There is no better potential for enlightened self-interest and social service than investment in programs that generate construction."



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## **'Mistaken Identity', Says McKay Of Dope Charge**



*McKay*

In Buffalo, Louis McKay, 58, former husband of the late blues singer Billie Holiday, said the warrant charging him with the sale of cocaine in Detroit is a case of mistaken identity. He said the warrant named a "James McKay." "Hell," McKay told JET, "I haven't been in Detroit since Derby Day, 1966. This warrant cites July 1967 as date of the alleged offense. Some stoolie has mistaken me. He even had to identify me by using a picture of me at my wedding (Oct. 1966) published in JET Magazine. They attached the picture they cut out of JET to the warrant." McKay, who is a theatrical booking agent said the charge "is probably made in connection with the film that is being made now of Billie's life." He didn't elaborate. Diana Sands is slated to play the role of the tortured genius who was Billie in the \$750,000 production. McKay's bond has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500 and he said, "I'm going to go to Detroit myself, voluntarily right after Christmas" to face the charge.

## **Brooklyn Savings Firm In \$100,000 Expansion Move**

In Brooklyn, the Carver Federal Savings' Bedford-Stuyvesant office began a \$100,000 modernization and expansion job that will take three months to complete, according to Joseph E. Davis, president. After signing the final contract with the Ebonaier Construction Co., Davis said "steadily growing" business has forced the expansion and with "new banking facilities (we will be able to) expand services presently available and to improve those now in existence." On hand during the announcement were: Howard Ferguson, Ebonaier president; Pedro F. Lopez, architect of the firm P. F. Lopez Associates; Richard Greene, Carver vice president and manager of the Brooklyn office, and Oscar Whitfield, Carver senior vice president.

**Report More Negro Kids Adopted From Agency**

The Los Angeles County Bureau of Adoptions, for the first time, is gaining the upper hand on its most serious problem—placing Negro children in acceptable homes. In its biennial report for 1965-67, the department says it found homes for 448 Negro children, compared to 361 in 1963-65. "This is the first time that the agency has placed more Negro children in adoption than were relinquished to it," Director Walter A. Heath reported to the board of supervisors.

**No Mexican For Garvey Prize; No Race Problem**

Invitations went out to several countries to nominate someone for Jamaica's Marcus Garvey prize for "major contributions in the field of race relations." When the invitation came to the Mexico City Chamber of Deputies, however, they turned it down. Reason: there is no race problem in Mexico, they said.

■ **Receives Award:** Belva Davis (r.), first Negro woman on the West Coast to appear daily as a reporter and commentator on a TV program, receives San Francisco Links 1967 Achievement Award from Mrs. Joseph Smith, Links president. Lou Simon, president of KPIX-TV where Miss Davis works, looks on.







*House where three children perished stands next door to Fire Engine Co. 73 on Chicago's South Side.*

### **Live Next Door To Fire Station, Three Die In Fire**

Despite the fact that they lived next door to a fire station, three children were killed in a fire on Chicago's South Side, and another woman suffered severe lacerations trying to escape. Dead are Joyce Gaitors, 7, and her brothers, John, 4, and Chris, 2. Their father, Charles Gaitors, 33, escaped with two other children, and a third child was rescued by firemen. The mother was at work. Mrs. Juanita Gibson, 45, suffered injuries when she broke a window to escape. Damage to the two-and-a-half story frame building was estimated at \$5,500.

### **Gets Eviction Notice, Mixed Pair Aided By Group**

An eviction notice served to an interracial couple and their five children turned into a blessing in disguise thanks to emergency action by dozens of community groups in Detroit. Elliot Shannon and his white wife had held back a month's rent to protest the dilapidated condition of their small frame house, and were rewarded by being thrown out. When concerned citizens heard of their plight, they rented them a flat, and Mrs. Mary Valentine even put in \$170 of her own money to pay a month's rent and security deposit.

## Negroes Barred From Demonstrating At Schools

A judge in Philadelphia, Pa., barred two Negro leaders from organizing demonstrations at public schools during school hours. This was considered a victory for the school board who argued for seven days in court to attempt to prevent a repeat of an earlier black power protest in the school administration building.

## Atlanta Negro Wins Scholarship In 'Jr. Miss Pageant'

Leola Howard, 17, the first Negro to enter the Atlanta (Ga.) Junior Miss Beauty Pageant, was one of ten contestants selected for a \$100 reading scholarship to the Dynamic Reading Institute run by Evelyn Wood, co-sponsor of the pageant. Although Miss Howard did not place as a finalist, she scored high in the interpretative arts segment of the contest when, dressed as a genie, she did a creative dance for the panel of judges.



*A smiling Miss Howard is shown in her Price High School classroom in Atlanta before she entered Junior Miss contest.*

## **'Get Good Education': Astronaut To Kids**



*Lawrence*

Air Force Maj. Robert H. Lawrence Jr. of Chicago, the nation's first Negro astronaut, wrote an inspirational letter to a group of Lincoln fourth graders only three days before he was killed in the crash of a jet fighter. Beverly Jackson, a science teacher at Saratoga Elementary School, said the hand-written letter was in response to a request in connection with an astrospace study program. Here is the text of the letter, which was received over the weekend—"Dear boys and girls: It is a pleasure to write to you from sunny California. As you become older, you will find that an understanding of the world and its people is very important. A good education will enable you to obtain this understanding and become the engineers, teachers, and if you are so inclined, astronauts of the future. The opportunities which lie ahead of you are not beyond imagination. Be prepared to take advantage of the wonderful things in your future; get a good education. Sincerely, Robert H. Lawrence Jr."

## **Brooke Urges Private Monies For Youth Training**

Sen. Edward Brooke visited the year-old D. C. Opportunities Industrial Center to observe the classes in brick masonry, automotive and television repair which are in progress while the building is being restored to make way for more instruction. Sen. Brooke's visit was part of the celebration of Human Rights Week and marked his interest in the project. He has also visited similar projects in Roxbury, Mass., Little Rock, Ark., and Philadelphia, Pa. At a press conference following his tour of the premises, Sen. Brooke urged that private industry play a larger role in financing and utilizing the services of OIC. He said that the quality of the training and the individual attention given each student is indeed superior.





**Meets With Governors:** Rev. Edward T. Graham, board chairman of Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine, appears at GOP Governors Conference to ask support of the mostly Negro college moving to Miami next fall. He chats with (l-r) Govs. Winthrop Rockefeller, Arkansas; Raymond P. Shafer, Pennsylvania and Nelson Rockefeller, New York.

## Trenton Students Go On Rampage, 16 Injured

Sixteen students were injured in Trenton, N. J., when fighting broke out between Negro and white youths in the Trenton Central High School playground. After the schoolyard melee, gangs of youths went on a rock-throwing rampage in the central part of New Jersey's capital. A 22-year-old motorist, John A. Guido, was pulled from his car and stomped and beaten by a gang of Negroes. An elderly man was struck on the head. The 16 injured students were treated at St. Francis Hospital near the school. Some required stitches, but most of them suffered only minor cuts and bruises. Mayor Carmen Armenti said he could "not explain the outbreak." But he said that he had called "a gripe session" to hear complaints from Negro students that they were being eliminated from full activity in the school.



**Honors Dunbar:** Showing huge picture of Dunbar High School's Public Schools League Championship football team in Chicago, at an appreciation dinner sponsored by the Dunbar Booster Club are (l-r) Principal Albert A. Briggs, Team Capt. Charles Potts, Assistant Coach Ernie D. Thompson, Head Coach Louis A. Tortorelli, guest speaker Joseph Kupcinet, Chicago Public Schools physical education director, and Boosters President Robert V. Mays.

### **Elks Award 70 Students With Scholarships**

Scholarship funds to help 70 disadvantaged students through college will be sponsored by the Elks' Dept. of Education for next year. "We are endeavoring to assume more of the burdens to provide education so necessary to equip the disadvantaged young men and women among us so that they will be able to compete for the expanding opportunities in industry and the many fields opening their doors to them," says George W. Lee, the Elks' grand commissioner of education. In the program's 43 years more than \$3 million have been raised for scholarships to help more than 1,000 students. Past winners include Nobel Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and James Farmer, former national director of CORE. Winners for 1967-68 come from 36 states, the Bahamas and Africa.

## Electrical Union Chooses Woman Vice President

A 35-year-old mother of four who works as an electronics inspector for the Radio Corp. of America (RCA) in Van Nuys, Calif., is the first Negro elected vice president of District 12 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE). Doris J. Austin was elected vice president of the 3,000-member organization composed of 16 local unions in California, Oregon and Washington during the annual district council meeting in Los Angeles. Mrs. Austin, who also serves as chief steward of the RCA West Coast Division plant, says she is elated that a female has been elected to this post. "I stand ready to do my best in this new responsibility," she said.



*Austin*

## Negroes Twice Likely To Be Out Of Work

A government study of unemployment in the nation's big cities shows Negroes twice as likely to be out of work as whites. Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, in releasing the survey in Washington, D. C., pointed out that the unemployment rate for white workers in the 15 biggest cities was 3.5 percent compared with 7.7 percent for nonwhites. The study discovered that a third of the nation's jobless and nearly 40 percent of all unemployed nonwhites live in the central cities and surrounding suburbs of the 15 biggest cities. In these areas, nonwhite workers account for only 14 percent of the civilian labor force.

## JOURNALISM

## EBONY Gets Special Award From Civic Group

EBONY was the recipient of a special award from the Ambassadors Civic Association, a Long Island, N. Y., civic association. EBONY was honored because of its "contributions to the brotherhood of Afro-Americans residing on Long Island." Other award winners included the Amsterdam News, Newsday, and the Long Island Daily Press.



## ARMED FORCES

### Pilot Urges Continued Bombing In Vietnam



*James*

Col. Daniel (Chappie) James Jr., who was vice commander of the Eighth Tactical Fighter Wing at Uban, Thailand, under Col. Robert Olds, was de-briefed at the White House by President Lyndon B. Johnson where he discussed the air campaign, morale of the pilots, equipment, quality of opposition, the problems faced and the progress of service. Col. James, who has flown 78 combat missions over North Vietnam, told the President that he favors continued bombing and opposes any suspension for holidays or rest periods. He explained that the enemy always returned with renewed energy after each rest period. Col. James, who also flew 191 combat missions in the Korean war, had high praise for the quality of the planes used in combat and told of the high morale of the combat crews. Col. James, whose home is in Arizona, also had a talk with his senator, Carl Hayden. His new assignment will be in Eckland Air Force Base in Florida.

### GI's In Vietnam Don't Want Black-Eyed Peas

It is a bitter blow to Texas, but U. S. troops in Vietnam do not like black-eyed peas. That was the word from Gen. William Westmoreland, U. S. commander in Vietnam, to Elmore Rural Torn of Taylor, Tex. Torn is president of the Black-Eyed Pea Society. He wrote Westmoreland recently to make sure the troops would have enough black-eyed peas for New Year's Day. Torn offered to supply some if any soldiers would otherwise be deprived. Westmoreland praised Torn for "his personal interest in the morale and welfare of our armed forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam." However, he wrote, the armed forces menu review boards had looked into the matter. "As regards black-eyed peas, there has been no significant troop demand for this item and, therefore, they have not been included in the master menu," Westmoreland wrote.



## Bishop Wright, Former Wilberforce Pres., Dies At 89

Bishop Richard R. Wright, 89, senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church who was president of Wilberforce (Ohio) University from 1932 to 1936, died of undisclosed causes at Landenau Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. A native of Cuthbert, Ga., Bishop Wright graduated from Georgia State College and studied for the ministry at the University of Chicago. He was one of the first Negro recipients of a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1911. He also studied at the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig. For 25 years he was editor of *The Christian Record*. He was elected Bishop in 1936 and once served in Africa.



*Bishop Wright*

## Sex Before Ten Commandments Deplored By Baptists

At the State Baptist Convention in Columbia, S. C., Baptists were warned of a national sexual revolution and that students at a Negro seminary school were being short-changed educationally. Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told 3,000 members of more than 1,500 churches that the nation was suffering from an appalling "spiritual poverty." He said there were evidences of a sexual revolution "with the gospel according to *Playboy Magazine* taking precedence over the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, in the lives of tens of thousands." The Baptist leader blamed these conditions on the fact that too many Americans were not actively involved in religion. Dr. Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, told the group that his seminary no longer filled the needs it had been established for 40 years ago. "The culture gap between it and accredited theological seminaries is far too wide. Seventy percent of the Negro brethren it serves are still on the wrong end of the education buzzer," he said.

## **African Boy Inherits Father's Church And Fortune**

A 13-year-old African boy has simultaneously become heir to a \$1.4 million dollar estate and leader of Africa's largest religious community. When Bishop Edward Lekganyane died, tribal law dictated that his money and church go to the eldest son of his first wife, so Barbabas Lekenyanana, an animal herder in the Zion Christian Church settlement at Moria City, 200 miles north of Johannesburg, South Africa, became an instant millionaire. His father was a self-appointed bishop who persuaded his followers to give up smoking, drinking and give the money to his church.

## **Methodist Leaders Want Integrated Church**

Methodist leaders in all parts of the United States favor immediate integration of their church and the assignment of pastors, district superintendents and bishops regardless of race. A recent survey released by the Women's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions revealed that half of the church leaders polled would deny World Service Funds to Methodism to any racially segregated activity or institution. The survey was of a random sample of 1,260 pastors, lay leaders, Woman's Society of Christian Service presidents and Methodist Youth Fellowship presidents.

## **Homosexual Acts May Be Beneficial, Priests Agree**

All homosexual acts should not be considered wrong and in some instances such acts may be beneficial, was the general agreement of 90 Episcopalian priests who participated in a symposium on the church's approach to homosexuality. It was sponsored jointly by the Episcopal Dioceses of New York, Connecticut, Long Island and Newark. There was some sentiment toward legalizing homosexuality but other priests maintained that homosexual acts must always be regarded as perversion. A large majority, however, agreed that all homosexual acts should not be condemned "per se" but each instance should be judged individually. Another view was that "a homosexual relationship between two consenting adults should be judged by the same criteria as a heterosexual marriage, that is, whether it is intended to foster a permanent relationship of love."



**Drive Brings \$2,520:** Members of Bethel AME Church in Los Angeles gathered around top prize of Zenith TV at end of EBONY Subscription Drive which brought \$2,520.20 are (l-r) : Presiding Bishop Elder K. Quinn, Mrs. Jennie Bishop, general chairman; Mrs. Jessie Fisher, Mrs. Ann Cornelious, Mrs. Lucille Collier, Mrs. Ollie Walton, Mrs. Jerry W. Ford, and the pastor, Rev. Jerry W. Ford. Drive was sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Club.

### **Chicago's Cardinal Reports Improved Race Relations**

John Cardinal Cody, head of the Chicago Roman Catholic archdiocese, said the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race is "one of the most successful organizations" in the United States. As evidence of the organization's attainment of some of its goals in improving race relations, the prelate cited the record of its seven employment agencies in finding more than 15,000 jobs for unemployed Negroes and the progress it has made in obtaining better housing for Negro families. "Though my fingers, my hands have been burned in dealing with race relations problems," the Cardinal said, "there can be no thought of quitting our efforts as long as Negroes suffer want and indignity."



For Americans in Paris it was a holiday, but for the French, it was the time of the State visit of Dahomey **President Christophe Soglo** and entourage of 11, including his wife. On the Champs Elysées, the green, yellow and red flag of the West African country proudly waved along side the French tricolor, and the all-out, red carpet treatment was afforded the guest. The official residence, Chateau de Champs, was the President's Paris home, and functions ran the gamut from press conferences to galas. **Mme. Soglo**, wearing a magnificent mink, toured the Louvre and visited a hospital. M. le President reported at UNESCO, received the keys to the city from the mayor, and was a guest at Television House. Of course there was a conference with **President Charles de Gaulle** at the Elysee Palace, luncheon with Foreign Minister **Maurice Couve de Murville**, and the placing of a wreath at the Arc de Triomphe. Cocktail parties, receptions and galas enlivened the fare. At the Comedie Francaise, *Cyrano de Bergerac* was performed for the two presidents and guests. It was grand . . . Although mini-skirts are getting shorter than chastity belts, smart women won't overload their wardrobes with them. Italian designers are showing slender calf-length dresses and ankle-length motoring coats . . . When you visit Copenhagen—and everyone goes once in his travel-picking-existence—at the Carlsberg Brewery Art Gallery is a bust of Roman Emperor **Hadrian** which Americans mistake for **President Lyndon B. Johnson** . . . A hit on French TV's weekly variety show—four youngsters from Miami, Fla.—**Samana Dave, Linda Carr, Arthur Conley, Lee Dorsey** and **Sam Baker**.



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# WEEKLY ALMANAC



## **THE FATAL DICE GAME OF THE WEEK.**

In Detroit, 54-year-old J. W. Cochran and 44-year-old Noah Wallace became engaged in a heated argument over who was to cut a crap game in progress in Cochran's home. Police said Cochran pushed Wallace off a stool. Wallace then got to his feet and pulled a knife from his belt and stabbed Cochran in the chest. After the stabbing Wallace escaped out the back door.



## **ARMY LOSES LATRINE.**

In St. Louis, Mo., the Army reported a most unusual theft. A wooden, 12 by 14 ft. latrine, valued at \$606, was taken from the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Upon hearing of the theft one Army officer declared, "We had a \$600 building out there and it is not there any more."



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES BURGLAR.**

In Valparaiso, Ind., a burglar still managed to take \$1,400 from the Liberty Township school, despite the fact that he didn't have the right tools to crack the safe. He just helped himself to a hammer and chisel from the school workshop.




## **TIED DOWN TO START.**


In Denver, Colo., when Leonard Banks, 23, and Nancy Takata, 18, walked into the city clerk's office there was no doubt in anyone's mind what they wanted. Banks was wearing a 40-pound ball and chain, attached to his ankle earlier by co-workers at the Public Service Co.




## **HUSBAND 'SWEEPED' INTO DIVORCE COURT.**


In Littleton, Colo., a man filed for divorce, charging that his wife was such a bug on cleanliness she had driven him to drink. "She cleaned the house every day, regardless. It was spotless. It was a show home. It wasn't meant to be lived in," he told the judge. The judge agreed and granted him a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty.

 **HAIR-RAISER.** In New York City, patrolman Edward Uribe dressed as a woman to attract potential muggers and purse snatchers. But the thief who approached him wasn't interested in a purse. "Here I was hanging on to my pocketbook and my shopping bag—and he went for my wig," says the surprised Uribe.

 **REAL DRUNK PIGS.** In Chipley, Fla., farmer Milt Peel had his hands full when his 500 pigs got a whiff of some shelled corn which had cooked in the hot Florida sun and fermented. Not too surprisingly, drunk pigs act just like drunk people. According to Peel, some of them squealed playfully, and others got ill-tempered, still others just staggered off and went to sleep.

 **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE.** In San Antonio, Tex., a 26-year-old man stopped by the police on suspicion of drunken driving, wasn't taking any chances of flunking a breath-measuring test. The suspect snatched up the measuring device, chewed it up and swallowed it before he could be stopped. He was jailed anyway.

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 **VIET PET:** S/Sgt. Greg Jones sent JET this picture of his buddy, Sgt. Robert Blake in the First Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. When Sgt. Blake is off duty he spends his time in the embrace of his pet, a 21-foot, 8-inch python, who is very affectionate and "just loves to squeeze people to death."

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# WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Robert C. Weaver**, Secretary of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on last summer's riots, *"Is it so difficult to understand that when a man is virtually imprisoned in the ghetto, and he feels there is nothing more to lose, that his frustration will turn to violence?"*

**Pearl Bailey**, singer-actress-comedienne and star of the all-Negro version of *Hello Dolly*, on integration: *"Integration is one of those distasteful words in the language. Wherever I am, that's integration—because there's love there."*

**Dr. Benjamin Quarles**, professor of history at Morgan State College, on the history of Negroes: *"When we pick up a social science book, we look in the index and under 'Negro,' it will read, 'See Slavery,' 'See Crime,' 'See Juvenile Delinquency,' perhaps 'See Commission on Civil Disorders,' perhaps see anything except the Negro. So when we try to get a perspective on the Negro, we get a distorted perspective."*

**Joe Black**, former Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher and the first Negro pitcher to win a World Series game, on job opportunities: *"Develop the skills you were born with and stop apologizing for yourself. Talent is the biggest single factor in getting ahead. The Negro has more opportunities in Cleveland than in any other city."*



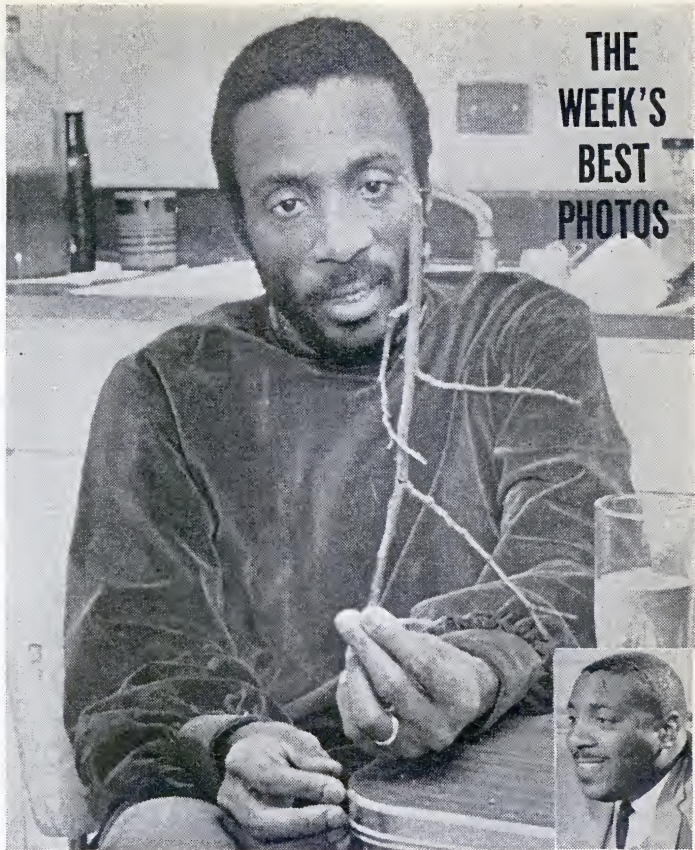
O. Brown

**Dionne Warwick**, popular singer, discussing her religious training: *"Being a pop artist doesn't alter the fact that I am a religious person. In fact, it enhances it."*

**Oscar Brown Jr.**, entertainer-producer, on Los Angeles' Watts area: *"Industry won't build down there. They cite insurance risks and financing problems . . . So I'm going to create a natural industry, entertainment."*



# THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS



■ **'Twiggy' Gregory:** Down to 118 pounds from 158 (inset), comedian-civil rights activist Dick Gregory ponders a twig in Chicago that's symbolic of his dwindling weight. Gregory, in the midst of a 32-day fast (until Xmas), is consuming only water in protest of Vietnam war.



UPI

**Up In There:** Former middleweight and welterweight boxing champ Sugar Ray Robinson gets all up in there doing "that thing" with teen-age Swedish actress Ewa Aulin in Rome. She plays title role in forthcoming film *Candy* in which Robinson has a cameo role.



*Miss Bronze Atlanta Beauty Pageant Photo*

■ **Miss Bronze Atlanta:** Beverly Smith, a senior at Spelman College, shows trophy after being crowned "Miss Bronze Atlanta," 1968. Title carries educational and social opportunities as well as cash prize. She was also elected homecoming queen by Morehouse College students.





*James Gilbert*

■ **Rare Appearance:** In rare appearance together, opera singer Leontyne Price and husband, baritone William Warfield, mix with guests at a special benefit she put on to raise money for the Harlem School of Arts in New York. Some 300 persons attended the \$100-a-plate affair.





*Wide World*

■ **I Spy Star Marries:** Robert Culp (r), star of TV's *I Spy* series, and his new bride, actress France Nuyen, pose with co-star Bill Cosby after marriage in Beverly Hills, Calif. The civil ceremony, performed at home of Culp's TV producer, was Culp's third marriage, the bride's second.

# SOCIETY

**WHEN LYNDA BIRD MARRIED CAPT. ROBB:** Cabinet members **Dr. Robert Weaver** (HUD) and **Dr. John Gardner** (HEW) and their wives met at the East Gate and chatted their way inside . . . **Mrs. Zephyr Wright's** green and gold Thai silk dress for the wedding was a gift of **President Lyndon B. Johnson** . . . **Mrs. Susan Clardy** who nursed Capt. Robb until he was eight, came from Arizona and was house guest of family friends **Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lipfert** in Chevy Chase, Md.

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■ **Beautiful People:** At the National Council of Negro Women's International Night in Washington, D. C., Pres. Dorothy Height (c) chats with (l-r) Harold Hamilton of Coca-Cola, Lady Sara Lou Carter wife of Guyana's envoy John Carter, actor Ossie Davis and wife, Ruby Dee.



# W O R L D

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■ **Makes Debut:** Deborah Elaine Beavers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Beavers Jr., of Los Angeles smiles as she makes her debut to society with the local chapter of Links, Inc., during cotillion. Father is manager with Equitable Life Assurance Co. and mother is Los Angeles Sentinel society editor. Deborah will graduate from L. A. high school in June.

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**DEE CEE JOTTINGS:** President Beatrice Jones of the Sappy Sues and other youthful-looking members at their annual dance in Grammercy Inn kept telling guests that they were in elementary school when they organized the club more than 30 years ago . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Talley Holmes** (he's a retired schoolteacher and veteran member of the board of Industrial Bank) were feted by their son **John** for their 50th wedding anniversary . . . Restaurateur **Cornelius Powell** is the model to watch when he is on the town. He wore a kelly green day suit to a cocktail-lunch-dance; a Philippine hand-embroidered over shirt without dinner jacket to one black tie affair and a turtleneck sweater to another . . . **Mrs. Bernard (Jewel) Coleman**, who spent many years in Africa when her husband was stationed there, is now coordinator for public relations at the Frederick Douglass Museum of African Art.



## □ PEOPLE □

✧ **Thomas B. Hawkins**, director of public relations and stations operations for KGFJ radio in Los Angeles since 1958, was named Los Angeles County deputy supervisor.

✧ **Barry Keith Pugh**, a 16-year-old Northwestern High School honor student in Detroit, was selected to serve as a page in the Michigan legislature.

✧ **Kenneth B. Spaulding** was elected president of the University of North Carolina Law School's first-year class, the first Negro to hold that position in the history of the university.

✧ **Donald P. Ryder**, architect for the architectural firm of Harrison and Abramovitz, was appointed campus and facilities officer at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York City.

✧ **Joseph Poston**, 19, a graduate of Beloit's Memorial High School, became the first Negro page in the Wisconsin legislature.

✧ **Claude P. Lewis Jr.**, former assistant advertising manager for 20th Century-Fox, was promoted to advertising manager for 20th Century-Fox.

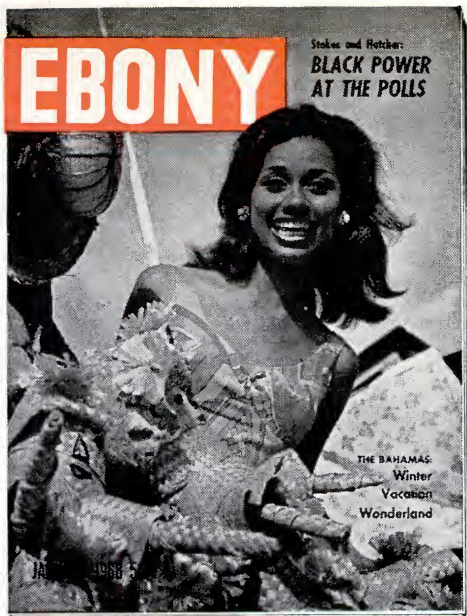
✧ **Dr. Ralph J. Cazort**, professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology at Meharry Medical College, was named dean of the college's School of Medicine.

✧ **Arthur N. Turnbull**, American Airlines' display representative who began in the clerical area about four years ago, was promoted to sales representative.

✧ **Stanley Rich**, 47, senior accountant for the Mayor's Committee for Human Resources Development in Detroit, was the first Negro to be named deputy commissioner of the Detroit Police Dept.

✧ **Carter Toler**, former University of California football star, was named superintendent of the Toledo (Ohio) Health Dept.'s Bureau of Environmental Health.





# BLACK POWER AT THE POLLS

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# \* PEOPLE ARE

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- \* Super rock 'n' roll star Aretha Franklin and what she wants Santa to bring her for Christmas. She tells chums she doesn't need a house because she recently purchased a four-bedroom beauty (estimated cost: \$60,000) on Detroit's exclusive Northwest Side; she hates Jaguars; her husband, Ted White, just bought her a lovely white mini-mink coat. So, she asks: "How about Santa bringing just a little more love?"
  - \* Comedian-candidate-for-U. S.-President-on-a-write-in-ballot Dick Gregory and how the bigots now try to get to him since he began his 32-day fast in protest of the Vietnam war. "They used to write me 'Dear Nigger,'" says Gregory, who's down to a Twiggy-like 118 pounds from his original 158 pounds. "Now they say: 'Dear Greg, Boy: Guess what I just had for dinner? A big, juicy porterhouse steak,' etc." What they don't know is that Greg has the last laugh because he's a vegetarian.
  - \* The talk in Madison, Wis., and how that college town (University of Wisconsin) is all shook up over the plane crash that snuffed out the lives of Otis Redding and six others. It was the biggest crash in the history of the city but many of the white residents asked Negro acquaintances, "Who is Redding, do you know?" Quipped one Soul Brother: "Any black man over 12 who hasn't heard of Otis Redding must have been buried someplace."
  - \* The Chicago Bears' phenomenal halfback Gayle Sayers and how the Illinois Secy. of State Paul Powell personally delivered his 1968 auto plates to Sayers in the Bears' dressing room after the team's 10-10 tie with Minnesota. The shy Sayers blushed when introduced to the important politico and was surprised his plates—GS-40 (40 is also his jersey number)—were delivered in person.

# TALKING ABOUT

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- \* St. Louis, Mo., and how it is still saddled with more dissatisfaction (now it's racial) than that woman W. C. Handy made so famous in song and verse more than a half century (1914) ago. Angered over racial conditions, 30 militant black youths gave St. Louis Mayor Alfonso Cervantes a black Christmas tree and said they're asking their parents not to go into debt for Yule gifts.
- \* Those mini dresses worn by The Marvelettes during an appearance at the Apollo in New York. The comely trio actually didn't have minis in their wardrobe but after a sneak thief made off with the better part of their show wardrobe the girls had to improvise with what was left and ended up wearing the long tops to what normally was their two-piece costume gowns and none of the eyeballing audience knew the difference.
- \* How folks in the Virgin Islands mouths water now and then for soul food (chitlins). Vincent Cephas, a foreign language teacher in Christiansted, got "homesick" for some wrinkles and wired his Washington, D. C., cousin, Victor Davidson, to send him four cans of you-know-what. Although the chitlins cost a mere \$2.20 per can, cost of postage upped that to \$5.35 each, making the imported delicacy a little on the costly side for Vincent.
- \* The way knowing blacks are snickering at the lily-white "computerized" heavyweight championship bouts that have staged early-round "eliminations" of such two-fisted masters of sock as Joe Louis, Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali, by white foes. The brothers are chuckling that whitey is really fantasizing not computerizing.

—CHESTER HIGGINS

## **Olympian Hayes Jones Named To \$25,000 Post**



*Jones*

The newly created post of commissioner of recreation of New York City was offered to Olympic Gold Medal winner Hayes Jones. In making the appointment Mayor John Lindsay cited Jones as being "superbly qualified to launch the city's recreation program." Jones, 29, of Pontiac, Mich., is taking a two-year leave of absence from his American Airlines sales representative post in Detroit to take the \$25,000-a-year post. The post hinges on approval of the city council; in the interim Jones will be paid on a daily basis as a recreation consultant. He won a Gold Medal in the 110-meter hurdles in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics after getting a Bronze Medal in the same event in the 1960 Rome games.

## **1st Alabama Negro To Play In Blue-Gray Game**

Charles Mitchell, 6-foot, 3-inch, 215-pound quarterback from Alabama State College, has been selected to play on the Gray squad in the Blue-Gray Game Dec. 30, 1967 at Cramton Bowl, in Montgomery, Ala. The game will be televised nationally. Mitchell will become the first Negro from Alabama to play in the annual bowl game. Mitchell played quarterback but also did the punting for the Hornets averaging 37.8 yards on 62 punts. He was also the Hornets' leading scorer with 55 points including four touchdowns, 19 extra point conversions, and four field goals. Mitchell also led the team in total offense, accounting for 1,514 yards through passing and rushing. He completed 83 of 177 passes for 1,410 yards and 13 touchdowns and rushed for 104 yards on 39 attempts for four touchdowns.

## **'Tank' Younger Named To NAIA Grid Hall Of Fame**

Paul (Tank) Younger of Grambling (La.) College and the Los Angeles Rams, was among four former athletes inducted into the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Football Hall of Fame at Morgantown, West Virginia.



## Dr. King, McKissick Support Olympic Boycott

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. added his voice of support to the plans afoot for a boycott of the 1968 Olympics by black U. S. athletes. "I absolutely support the boycott, not only as Martin Luther King, but as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference," the Nobel Peace Prize winner declared at a press conference held at the Americana Hotel in New York City. Also on hand voicing approval of the boycott idea was Dr. Harry Edwards, Assoc. professor of sociology at San Jose (Calif.) State College, brainchild of the plan. CORE Director Floyd McKissick and author Louis Lomax also backed the idea. To call off the proposed boycott, the following demands were cited: 1) end of discrimination at the New York Athletic Club, 2) restoration of Muhammad Ali's heavyweight championship title, 3) at least one more Negro coach on the Olympic team, 4) appointment of a Negro to the lily-white U. S. Olympic Commission, 5) ban on South Africa and Rhodesia Olympic participation, 6) remove Avery Brundage as head of the Olympic Commission.

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### ■ Defends Record:

Gypsy Joe Harris (l) of Philadelphia, takes a flurry of punches from Miguel Barreto of San Juan, Puerto Rico, during third round of their ten-round bout in Philadelphia. Harris managed to keep his undefeated record by hammering out a split decision.

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## Pioneer South Golfer, 'Tup' Holmes, Dies Of Cancer



*Holmes and medic-son.*

In Atlanta, Alfred "Tup" Holmes, 48, a cancer victim for a number of years, died at his home. Death was not unexpected. Holmes, who with his father, the late Dr. Hamilton M. Holmes, was responsible for breaking down discrimination on municipal golf courses in the deep south, is well known in fraternal and sporting circles throughout the nation. He is the father

of Dr. Hamilton Holmes, who with Charlayne Hunter, became the first Negroes to graduate from the University of Georgia. Young Dr. Holmes is now a resident at Detroit General Hospital. "Tup" is survived by his wife, and four other children. He once said, "All I want to do is live to see my son get his medical doctor's degree." He got his wish.

### **FARM**

#### **Freeman Sells Co-op's 1st Yams At Safeway**

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman sold the first bag of sweet potatoes at a neighborhood supermarket in Washington, D. C., to launch the city-wide sale of products produced by Louisiana's Negro farm family cooperatives. At a Safeway chain store, the Secretary, officials of the Grand Marie Vegetable Producers Co-op of Sunset, La., and store executives carried through a Yuletide project initiated by JET. Several weeks ago, JET, in a cover story, appealed to supermarkets to buy products from the Negro co-ops. Safeway was the first major chain in the country to cooperate.

**Donate \$2,500 To Establish Sam Cooke Scholarship**

In Los Angeles, the Monterey Pop Festival Foundation donated \$2,500 toward the establishment of a scholarship honoring the late blues singer Sam Cooke. The announcement was made by Rodney Jones, president of the National Assn. of Television & Radio Announcers at a party sponsored by Mickey Stevenson, president of Venture Records.

■ **Hollywood Hopefuls:** Monica Peterson (3rd, 1 front row) and these seven other lovely girls will compete for the "1968 Hollywood Star of Tomorrow" award, on the Clairol special Jan. 27. Miss Peterson is the first Negro competitor. Other girls are (front row, l-r) Sharon Harvey, Barbara Hancock and Suzie Kaye; (rear, l-r) Susan Trustman, Susan Howard, Barbara Moore and Marianne Gordon. Gene Kelly (1) will host.





## **LONDON BLACK BEAUTY IS ONE**



*In mini-skirt, Miss Deane looks over movie set.*

When movie moguls at Paramount began casting for its latest motion picture, *The Bliss Of Mrs. Blossom*, it sent talent scouts scurrying through 30 nations in search of sex sirens.

In London, the search uncovered a statuesque (36-24-36) black beauty, Althea Deane (see cover), who promptly landed one of the roles.

Although the fun film stars Shirley MacLaine, Richard Attenborough and James Booth, it is the bevy of beauties who hold the attention of the filmgoers in a story which keeps the accent on cuties and curves.

To film the scenes of an International Brassiere Convention, producer Josef Shafitel and director Joe McGrath took over the vast Alexandra Palace in North London. The vast rambling palace showplace is the scene of the convention where Blossom seeks to culminate his life's ambition—the perfection of a Universal Brassiere which he proposes to donate to the underdeveloped nations of the world.

Before a great international gathering of delegates, Blossom unveils his masterpiece and 30 girls, including the voluptuous black film find, representing the nations, prepare to demonstrate the brassiere which depends on inflation for its perfect fit. What happens when Ambrose Tuttle (James Booth) begins tampering with the bras makes the fun-filled film worth the viewers' price of admission.



## OF 30 SHAPELY FILM STARLETS



*The statuesque Miss Deane poses for candid photo above and in bottom photo relaxes with international gathering of 30 girls.*





A three-alarm fire completely devastated "23 years of accumulated household goods" in the apartment of **Mantan Moreland** and his wife . . . **Sam Bray**, manager of former teen sensation **Frankie Lymon**, sponsored a big pre-Christmas party at the New York Medical Center to give a lift to children suffering from cerebral palsy . . . Pianist **Sylvia Lee** was the accompanist for baritone **George Goodman** as he made his first U. S. concert in five years with an appearance at Grace Church in Harlem . . . Recording a Kentucky Fried Chicken commercial brought in some finger lickin' good loot to singer **Joe Tex** who wound up with \$10,000 cash plus bonus Cadillacs for both he and his wife . . . **James (Soul Brother No. 1) Brown** has plans afoot to host a Dec. 23 goodie-laden party for ghetto kids . . . The "Jazz on a Saturday Afternoon" sets have become a steady thing at the East Village Inn . . . Ditto for the Monday night "Jazz for Beautiful People" haps at Club LeBoheme . . . **Gov. Nelson Rockefeller** tapped Harlem businessman **Ken Sherwood** for one of the seven spots on the State Park Commission for the City of New York . . . While Harlem gets all the name play, it has to take a back seat to Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant area as New York City's largest black ghetto . . . Satirical cartoonist **Brumsic Brandon Jr.** invented a new parlor game in time for the holidays called *Cullud*; "anyway you play it, you lose" . . . Currently entertaining at the Jamaica Arms, calypsonian **Lord Inventor** is heading home to Trinidad but will miss February "carnival" time due to Fun City obligations . . . The **Jimmy Butts Duo** with **Juanita Smith** are packing 'em in at the Travelers Hotel . . . Ninandy Records is the newest division of Stroud Productions under the guiding hand of **Andy Stroud**, husband-manager of **Nina Simone**.—BOBBIE BARBEE



*John Mills Sr. (r) is shown as he performed with famous sons and guitarist Brown (2d, r).*

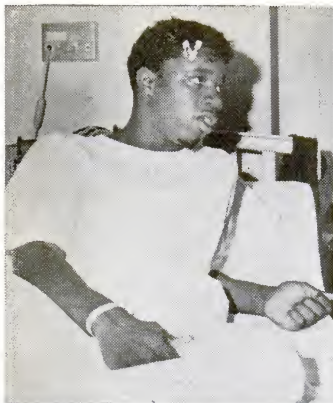
### **John H. Mills, Father Of Famed Mills Bros., Dies**

The big, five-bedroom (11 rooms) home in Bellefontaine, Ohio, which the famous Mills Brothers bought for their mother, the late Mrs. Eathel Mills, early in their fabulous career, was aswarm with visitors and family sympathizers. Telegrams arrived from such famous stars as Perry Como, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby, the show business greats of this and other years. All offered the famed singing group condolences in the death of their father, and one-time group member, John H. Mills Sr., who died at Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine at the age of 85 following a stroke. His sons, Herbert, 55, Harry, 54, and Donald, 52, were home, cutting short a San Francisco engagement. From Denver, Colo., came the eldest sister, Pauline Mills, 61. They joined youngest sister, Dorothea, 59, who lives with her family at the family homestead. The Mills Brothers, who have become virtual legends in their lifetime, started their singing career in Piqua, Ohio, 41 years ago. After an older brother, John Mills Jr., died in 1935, their father joined the group. The elder Mills toured with the group for 20 years before retiring in 1956. Accompanist (guitar) Norman Brown has been a member since. The senior Mills was buried in the family burial plot.



## **EYEWITNESS TELLS OF REDDING'S VIOLENT DEATH**

### **'I GUESS GOD WAS WITH ME,' SAYS**



*Recovering Cauley tells JET  
about the crash.*

**By CHESTER HIGGINS**

"All I remember is waking up and couldn't breath. I heard Phalon (Jones) say 'Oh, No.' He was sitting across the aisle from me. I held my throat, unbuckled my seat belt and reached for a seat cushion."

Ben Cauley, 20-year-old trumpeter with the popular Stax/Volt Records instrumental group, The Bar-Kays, lay in his bed in New Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wis., and told JET in sometimes halting, sometimes staccato tones delivered in bewilderment and

awe, of the chilling final minutes (perhaps seconds) of the ill-fated flight of millionaire "soul singer" Otis Redding's \$200,000 twin-engine Beechcraft plane.

The aircraft plummeted into the icy Squaw Bay area of Lake Monona near Madison, killing Redding, four members of The Bar-Kays, a valet and the pilot, Richard Fraser, 28. It was one of the worst air tragedies in entertainment history. Dead were Redding, 26, internationally famous singing star whom Britain's popular Melody Maker Magazine recently named international male singer of the year toppling Elvis Presley from the perch; Fraser, who is white, both of Macon, Ga.; Bar-Kays valet, Matthew Kelly, 17; guitarist-leader of Bar-Kays Jimmy King, 18; tenor saxist Jones, 19; Ronnie Caldwell, 19, who is white and the group's organist; and drummer Carl Cunningham, 18, all of Memphis. Most of the teen musicians had been high school mates. The bodies of Jones and Caldwell were still missing.

## LONE SURVIVOR OF PLANE CRASH



*Found strapped to seat after plane crashed, Redding's frozen body was examined at morgue by coroner Clyde Chamberlain Jr.*

## Redding Was Sitting In Co-Pilot's Seat, Survivor Says

Cauley, the lone survivor (also surviving James Alexander, bassist, and Carl Simms, vocalist, both 17, who did not take the ill-fated plane because there was no room), was aware of his uniqueness. Seldom do plane crash victims walk away to tell about it. Rubbing his hands together, he repeated: "I guess God was with me. I was asleep. And I remember waking up because I couldn't breathe. The engines sounded real loud and I had a funny spinning sensation of falling through space. I thought the plane had hit an air pocket. I heard Phalon moan, 'Oh, no.' Just like that. 'Oh, no.' And I turned to say something to him, but I couldn't because I couldn't breathe. I reached down and unbuckled my seat belt. I don't know why. I just reached down and unbuckled it. This may have saved my life. I don't know. God must have been with me," repeated the highly religious Cauley. "Otis (Redding) was sitting directly in front of me in the co-pilot's seat. I didn't hear him say a word. Didn't see him do a thing. The next



*Redding (l) is backed up by Cauley, Jones, organist Ronnie Caldwell as he belts out his popular number, Shake.*





*Backed up by the Bar-Kays, musicians Cauley and Caldwell, Redding sings soulful lyrics of his own composition Mr. Pitiful.* thing I remember is bobbing up in the water holding onto this cushion. (The impact ripped off a wing and busted open the fuselage like a tomato can, allowing Cauley to escape.)

"The water was cold. The water was cold. Cold. I do mean cold," he kept repeating, almost absent mindedly. "I've never been that cold in my life. I heard somebody yell 'help' and I saw it was Ronnie. He was about five feet . . . no, about 25 feet away. I tried to paddle over to him but before I could, he went down. Then I heard Carl (Cunningham) hollering. But he was farther away, still. And in a few second he went down. I felt I was going down, too, and I clutched that cushion tighter. The next thing I remember was the police pulling me into the boat."

Cauley, who has since been released from the hospital and returned to his Memphis home, nervously walked between the beds in the four-bed ward. He walked to the hospital corridor, jiggling a hairy, muscular leg and rubbing his hands together vigorously. "My legs and hands have no feeling in them," he said, flexing his fingers. "Nothing is broke. But I guess the impact of hitting the water numbed me."

He suffered only slight head wounds, as well as shock



## Cause Of Crash Not Pinpointed By Officials

and exposure in the 30-40 degree water. In Memphis, his mother, Mrs. Georgia Cauley, told JET: "His back and fingers still hurt. When I heard the plane was down, I asked the Lord to please give me strength. After I heard he was alive, I thanked Jesus." Mrs. Cauley, her husband, Ben Sr., 45, Ben Jr. and his wife, and child, nine months old, all attend the New Friendship Baptist Church in Memphis. Mrs. Cauley says she has never flown in a plane "and I never will." Young Cauley said the tragic plane accident will not deter him from flying again.

Cauley told JET of an incident in Nashville. "We had finished a performance at Vanderbilt University and went to the hangar. One of the guys said the cabin was cold and asked a hangar employe to start the electrical heating system to warm it up. But the employe said no, the battery was low and we'd better wait until the pilot revved up the plane."

Authorities said the plane was landing by instruments due to inclement weather. Visibility was three miles, but the ceiling only 100 feet. A weak battery would make for a faulty electrical system which, in turn, would have made negotiating an instrument landing difficult because such an approach relies on precise radio signals, authorities said.

The plane plummeted into 40 feet of water and buried its nose deep in the heavily silted bottom of the lake. Authorities refused to pinpoint the cause of the accident, but they expressed bewilderment over why the plane missed the landing strip by such a wide (three miles) margin.

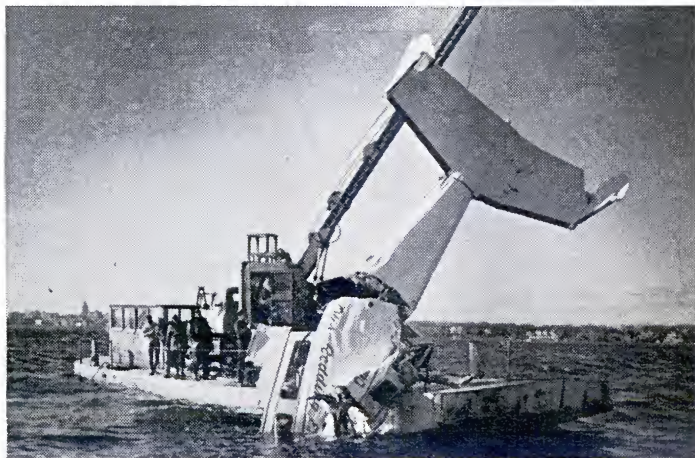
Cauley said the group and Redding played a gig at Leo's Casino in Cleveland, laid over for the night and left for Madison and a performance at The Factory Sunday night. "We left about 12 or so that day," Cauley said. "I remember we were very hungry and we couldn't get anything to eat. When we boarded the plane Otis said there was nothing to eat on the plane but we'd get something as soon as we landed in Madison.

## Credit Survivor's Life To Swift Police Action

"I remember saying to myself 'this is not a good day.' Then I got on the plane and went to sleep."

Cauley would not be alive today save for the quick work of Madison police. After a Lake Monona resident saw the crash, he quickly ran to his house and phoned police. The dispatcher sent a Lake's Patrol boat to the scene. It arrived in 20 minutes and pulled a shocked and injured Cauley from the lake's freezing grasp. Police skin divers said they were unable to remain in the 30-40 degree water longer than 15 minutes at maximum. After that their teeth chattered so, they were unable to hold the breathing apparatus clamped in their teeth.

Madison Police Inspector John Harrington estimated a man without an insulated scuba diver's suit "wouldn't live longer than 20 or so minutes" in the water. When Redding's body was hauled to the surface the following day, it was partially frozen.



Denny Connors

*Redding's twin-engine Beechcraft plane being hoisted from 40 feet of water in heavily silted bottom of the lake.*

## Entertainers, Condolences Come From Around The World

Meanwhile, Redding's funeral was postponed from Friday Dec. 15, to Monday, Dec. 18, after such stars and close friends of the deceased as James (Mr. Dynamite) Brown beseeched the family to do so in order to permit entertainers, otherwise engaged on weekends, an opportunity to attend.

Also, meanwhile, The Beatles were slated to leave London to attend the funeral. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey who had written the liner notes for Redding's *Stay In School* album, expressed shock over the famous young singer's death. Singer Carla Thomas, with whom he made the famous *King And Queen* Stax/Volt record, said she was stunned on hearing the news. Aretha Franklin, who took a Redding composed *Respect*, and parlayed it into a million-seller, was in New York and told JET, "I heard it on the TV. My sister Caroline and I stopped everything and stayed glued to the TV and radio. It was a tragedy. Shocking. Sure, I'm going to the funeral."

Hundreds of messages of condolences were pouring into the Redding home on their \$125,000, 300-acre ranch near Macon. The home had recently undergone a \$20,000 renovation. A huge, 150,000-gallon "Big O" swimming pool was constructed. Redding took enthusiastically to the hobby of breeding prize cattle. He was the owner of the Otis Redding Enterprises of Macon, and during the year 1967 his performances, music publishing ventures and royalties from record sales brought in more than a million dollars. Redding had been recuperating for three months following a throat operation to remove two small (nonmalignant polyps) growths on his vocal chords. The successful operation took place at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital. For three weeks after the operation, Redding communicated by writing messages on paper. He was not in pain. The doctor ordered him not to utter a sound during that period of time. When the restriction was lifted, he was first allowed to speak in whispers only. Later he was permitted to talk and then sing. He performed for the first time since the operation on Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9 the day before



Denny Connors

*Redding's body, in sitting position and fully clothed, is lifted from the bottom of the lake the next day.*





*After missing fatal flight, Alexander (l) and Simms view from Madison hotel the lake which claimed lives.*

## **Oddities Surround Violent Death Of Star**

his tragic death on Dec. 10, the same day Sam Cook died so tragically three years ago. Another odd twist occurred after Redding and Miss Thomas were presented a gold plaque for their *King And Queen* album. That night in Washington, D. C., at the Bohemian Caverns, Miss Thomas waxed another album. The release date was put off from time to time since that date, but the record was always entitled *The Queen Alone*. Just before he died, Redding penned another song, entitled *Sitting On The Dock*. The lyrics are almost a chilling harbinger. They say in part, "I roamed 2,000 miles away from Georgia, never to go back home again." The bay he referred to in the song was San Francisco Bay because he was slated to appear at Fillmore Ballroom in San Francisco on Christmas Day. But the strange part is that the lake area into which his plane fell is called Squaw Bay.

Redding, about whom one national columnist said "in one year . . . he sold more records than Frank Sinatra



*Scuba divers were continuing to comb the lake bottom for missing bodies of Phalon Jones and Ronnie Caldwell.*



*Denny Connors*

*Bodies of two of The Bar-Kays, found in 30 to 40 feet of water, are brought to deck by Scuba divers.*



*Otis and Carla present plaque to Sen. Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) who wrote the liner notes for their album.*

## **Millionaire Redding Was A 10th Grade Dropout**

and Dean Martin combined," was reaching the peak of a meteoric career. Big (6-2, 220 pounds all muscle), vigorous and naturally full of fun and vitality, Redding was liked almost universally. He began his career in 1962 when he came to Memphis with Johnny Jenkins.

Cauley doesn't know what he will do now. A scheduled trip to Vietnam by Redding and his troupe, which was arranged by Vice President Humphrey, of course, is canceled. A foundation to help school dropouts may be set up in Redding's name. A dropout himself (he quit school in the tenth grade) Redding was acutely conscious of the handicaps a Negro suffers "trying to make it" without an education, a friend said.

Mayor Ronnie Thompson of Macon issued an official proclamation lauding Redding and declared "every citizen" suffered from his loss. After a public funeral service in the city's auditorum, the Redding family which includes his wife, Zelma, and three children: Otis, III, 3; Dexter, 7, and Karla, 5, attended private services at the burial grounds.



## Talented Bar-Kays Were Mostly Classmates

Most of the youthful Bar-Kays Stax/Volt band members were high school classmates. In between tours with the late Otis Redding, guitarist Jimmy King, 18; organist Ronnie Caldwell, 19, who is white, and their valet, drummer apprentice Matthew Kelly, 17, attended Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis. Tenor saxist Phalon Jones, 19, and drummer Carl Cunningham, 18, were graduates of the same school. Jones, who was described as an excellent student, was attending Owens Junior College. He was making plans to buy his mother a home in Memphis and was slated for promotion to the big "Memphis Soul" band, Booker T. and The MGs. Trumpeter Ben Cauley, 20, and bassist Jones Alexander, 17, were still attending high school.



*Survivors (circled) Cauley (l), Alexander in studio photo with (clockwise): Jones, Caldwell, Cunningham, King.*



## Ex-JET Newsboy Digs SBT 20 At U. S. Air Force Base

When he was 12 years old, he was a JET newsboy. Today, seven years later, 19-year-old Bobby H. Tyler writes from Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S. D., to say that he and his fellow soul brothers always read SBT 20. "I have no new favorite records to add because I definitely agree with the poll as it stands at the present time," the airman said.

"I've always read this wonderful magazine and about seven years ago I used to sell them," the letter continued. "I've read them ever since I was able to read."

In order to learn your thinking, JET asks its readers to participate each week in a music record poll to select your favorite records, artists, and record labels. Here's what we want you to do: Write in numerical order the 20 records which are your favorites. List with each record the name of the record artist and the record label. Then name: 1) record Hit of the Week, 2) Album of the Week and 3) Artist of the Week. Rush your selection by Postcard or letter to: JET, 1820 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60616. Fill out and return coupon below with your selections.

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- ② **I SECOND THAT EMOTION**...Smokey Robinson & Miracles (Tamla)
- ③ **I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE**.Gladys Knight & Pips (Soul)
- ④ **HONEY CHILE**.....Martha Reeves & Vandellas (Gordy)
- ⑤ **SKINNY LEGS**.....Joe Tex (Dial)
- ⑥ **I'M IN LOVE**.....Wilson Pickett (Atlantic)
- ⑦ **I CAN'T STAND IT**.....James Brown (King)
- ⑧ **CHAIN OF FOOLS**.....Aretha Franklin (Atlantic)
- ⑨ **I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER**.....Dionne Warwick (Scepter)
- ⑩ **I'M WONDERING**.....Stevie Wonder (Tamla)
- ⑪ **PIECE OF MY HEART**.....Erma Franklin (Shout)
- ⑫ **YESTERDAY**.....Ray Charles (ABC)
- ⑬ **NATURAL WOMAN**.....Aretha Franklin (Atlantic)
- ⑭ **SOUL MAN**.....Sam and Dave (Stax)
- ⑮ **ALL YOUR GOODIES ARE GONE** .....Parliaments (Revilot)
- ⑯ **KNOCK ON WOOD**.....Otis Redding and Carla Thomas (Stax)
- ⑰ **LOVE POWER**.....Sandpebbles (Calla)
- ⑱ **BOOGALOO DOWN BROADWAY**.....Johnny C. (Phil-L. A. of Soul)
- ⑲ **THERE WAS A TIME**.....James Brown (King)
- ⑳ **ON A SATURDAY NIGHT**.....Eddie Floyd (Stax)

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## Ella Fitzgerald Set For Carol Burnett Show



*Fitzgerald*

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**Maria Cole** on Art Linkletter's *House Party* (Friday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV. (Re-run)

**Ivan Dixon** guests on *The Jonathan Winters Show* (Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

**Mills Brothers** on the *Dean Martin Show* (Thursday, December 28, at 10:00 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

**Marion Williams** stars in *Black Nativity Special* titled *And Many Shall Rejoice* (Sunday, December 24, 12:30 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

**Ruby Dee** and **Ossie Davis** host special titled *Here I Am* modern version of the nativity story (Sunday, December 24, 12 noon, EST) on NBC-TV.

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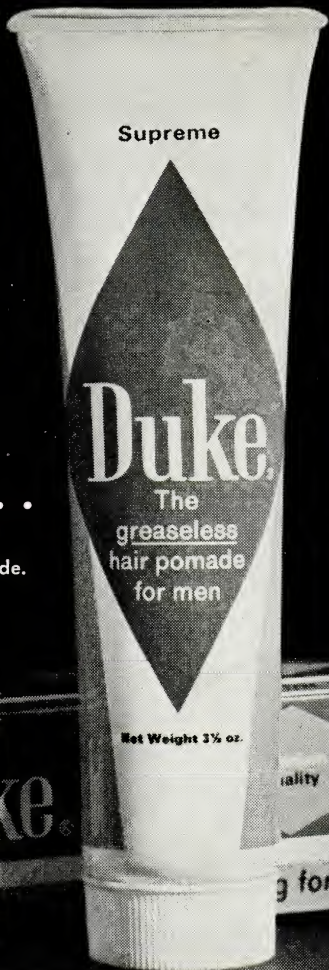
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